## ENGLAND TO FORCE HER MEN TO FIGHT FOR FLAG

Why Compulsory Military Service Is About to Be Inaugurated in England Rather Than Conscription ---- Great Demand for More Men

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REAT BRITAIN is confronted to-day by the necessity of adopting between now and March one of three courses, namely the inauguration of a system of bounties to men who enlist, conscription, or else universal compulsory military service. Lord Kitchener, Premier Asquith and the other Ministers of the Crown have announced that another million men

are urgently required for the army and

that the reenforcement of the latter

to this extent is a matter of absolute and immediate necessity. They will be wanted even in the somewhat improbable event of the war being brought to a sudden close by the outbreak of a popular revolution in Germany. For Great Britain cannot expect that her claims in connection with the restoration of peace and with the subsequent inevitable reconstruction of the map of the world will receive due consideration unless she has at her command an army sufficiently large to give due weight to her demands.

If the war, as Lord Kitchener and other experts seem to anticipate, connext year the additional million men will be still more imperatively needed to fulfil England's selemn obligations her allies, and above all to defend the honor of the flag and the United Kingdom from the horrors of foreign invasion-of an invasion like that which has converted the fair and prosperous land of Belgium into a scene of appalling ruin, desolation and horror.

The fact of the matter is that the appeal of Lord Kitchener and of the Government for the additional million men has received a very unsatisfactory response and that the recruiting has fallen off in the United Kingdom and Ireland to a very alarming degree. It would be too much to say that the patriotic enthusiasm which led so many tens of thousands to volunteer for service in the army has died out. But it cannot be denied that the demand upon British patriotism has only touched certain classes in England.

Until now the response to the summons of the Crown has come almost exclusively from the highest and the lowest classes, from the titled and untitled ar stocracy of Great Britain and Ireland and from the working masses. There has been little or no sign of real patriotic endeavor on the part of the rich and moderately affluent middle classes, that is to say of the higher and lower bourgeoisie. The list of officers killed and wounded contains an officers kill

fire and a level headedness and discipline that have amazed both their allies and their foes. They, like their
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the more telling in that it is still conthe more tellin officers, richly deserve all the sincere grand old soldier and popular hero, was laid to rest by his sover by Lord Kitchener, by Field Marshal ginning of the war has labored inces- Cathedral on Thursday last, beside Nel- compels every youth of 20 years of age to take service was during the Franco- was legislated out of existence at the Sir John French, and by the French Generalissimo Joffre. But every day that passes their numbers are being diminished by the enemy's shells and bullets and the men are needed to fill the gaps thus made in their ranks.

is idle to expect that these losses should be repaired by the elements of the population who have furnished 99 per cent, of the recruits, both in the commissioned and non-commissioned ranks. It is unfair that the aristocracy and the working classes should alone

insular, narrow minded and travel at all." self-sufficient, that Rudyard Kipling referred when he wrote of the "flannelled Havre, its hospitals for the moment less bridge it. fools at the wicket," and the late Lord Roberts had them in mind when in the very last public address that he dethe very last public address that he de-livered in England, just a few days be-fore he died at the age of 82 years, fore he died at the age of 82 years, formed so vigorously those who gave themselves up to golfing, cricketing.

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while enthusiastic in their commenda-tion of the spirit of self-sacrifice dis-models of system. played by the highest and lowest classes | Soap and water have never, perhaps amazement at the indifference shown by been painfully evident. In some of the the more or less well to do middle French military hospitals—those owned classes in England, who still flock in undiminished hordes to all the places of in and out door popular entertainment, and are just as much interested in their states, and this has been done in a and are just as much interested in the selfish pursuits and hobbies as if Great Britain were at peace instead of being One hears everywhere of mistakes in the contingent one hears everywhere of mistakes in the contingent of the Britain were at peace instant of the in the threes of the greatest war of her history; a war which has brought her within sight of a foreign invasion, and which is compelling her to fight statled in it, magnificantly appointed to the compelling her to fight statled in it, magnificantly appointed to the compelling her to fight statled in it. for her national existence and indepen-

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Making cavalrymen for Kitchener's army-Learning to use the sword.

the introduction of conscription or of unheeded. universal military service, and the Gov- By many he was regarded as the

oldest houses of England, Scotland, Ire-land and Wales, and in wonderfully Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd than any one could have imagined. land and Waies, and in wonderfully many instances the name of the dead is followed by the moving words, "an only son."

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Conscription means an enrolment that is not universal, but by lot. It is used by those few continental countries on reaching the statutory age. But only 30 per cent, are chosen, the selection being made by lot, while the selection being made by lot, while the selection being made an atarms at the outbreak of the war, but a smashing defeat," and in which they sometimes become gifted in the gloam- of view to deprive national trade and arms at the outbreak of the war, and in war, and in war, and in the second industry of the services of every able homes and to their pursuits, leaving. The land for these few homes and to their pursuits, leaving the land for these few homes and to their pursuits, leaving the land or the fact that, all ing of their pursuits, leaving the land or the fact that arms of the fact that, all ing of their pursuits, leaving the land or their pursuits, leaving the land or their pursuits, leaving the land or their pursuits arms of the fact that arms of the fact that arms of the fact that arms of the land or their pursuits, leaving the land or their pursuits arms of the fact that are now being the fact that are now bein

How is one to reach these middle santly to arouse the men of England son and Wellington in fitting company, who does not happen to be exempt on German war in 1879. The greater por-

other between now and the beginning of peatedly criticised in this connection by terms are often confounded with one

classes of Great Britain and to induce to a sense of their military duties to them to fulfil the duty which they own them to fulfil the duty which they own their native land, and who for years to their country for all the inestimable benefits which they enjoy as citizens to find the fulfil the fulfil the fulfil the sense of their military duties to foresaw the present war and Great account of medical unfil the so called Southeastern proton of the so called Southeastern proton pr thereof? To them a bounty can hardly only means of safeguarding the inter- appeals for the inauguration of com- the State. In fact a Frenchman who the time when they presented them- riots in 1863 in New York and elsewing the inter- appeals for the inauguration of combe said to offer an inducement. They are too well fed for that. The only nations which he saw approaching. Few moving than when he was still among service at the age of 20 without having who had only been summoned to the means of dealing with them is through listened to him. His warnings remained them and when his words fell upon deaf ears.

There is a considerable difference beernment has already intimated that it victim of an obsession on the subject will have recourse to either one or the of compulsory service, and he was re-

also the recruits who are now being called attention to the fact that, allowed to fill up the gaps made by the though Great Britain had already two million men under arms, another million a pluck and endurance, an abso- were needed without delay.

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service at the age of 20 without having who had only been officially excused on the ground colors after the defeat of Sedan and been engaged during the past ce of some serious medical defect becomes the invasion of France by the Germans, been engaged during the past ipso facto a deserter, a criminal and There were some 90,000 men in all, unan outlaw, liable to punishment of the der Bourbaki, and more than 80,000 of the field a sufficient number of me with Austria-Hungary, Italy, Germany training that they did not even know through

scription prevails two-thirds of the altogether beyond their comprehension. male population are virtually exempted from military service. True, all have to present themselves to the military authorities on reaching the statutory age. orities on reaching the statutory age. like so many sheep across the border others who have drawn fortunate num- Gen. Bourbaki in d spair made an at-

regiments.

Comparatively few people are aware, occasion on which even in England, that a species of connediciaries of the system of con-scription law was in existence in Great praise that has been meted out to them Lord Roberts, who ever since the beby his fellow countrymen in St. Paul's
the first to inaugurate in 1798, now scription were subsequently summoned
Britain until five years ago, when it

ing to the law by means of ballo the persons exempted from the by statute were peers, parsons, articlerks, only sons of widows and medically unfit. The law further p vided that the militia thus recruite should not be employed for foreign sevice except where the men had go their voluntary consent, the und standing being that the force stonic employed for resisting vasion of the British Isles. In England the militia system was existence for hundreds of years being msed on the principle repeatedly est shed by act of Parliament that State is entitled to demand the mill services of all or any members of t

community for the purpose of dome defence." For the last ninety or a dred years, however, of the of the militia system the militia was pa cruited purely by voluntary enlistment by conscription, under the militia act. Indeed, British statesmen ways manifested a pronounced re nance in the past to conscription, or

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and Recourse Must Be

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instance of Lord Haldane, now lord High Chancellor but then Secretary of

State for War, in connection with his reorganization of the army, and his

substitution of the so-called territorial for the militia and volunteer forces

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The insignia of this quaint scaport will be to accept Lord Roberts's advice dier with his arm in a white bandage or supporting himself on crutch or recommended by Liberal leader recommended by Liberal l stick.

Several of the German wounded exDirke, &c., so that the burden

WIRE MESH HAT SHELVES

During the promenade hour each day . T HavE banished the needer me the Red Cross nurses pass up and down with their white hoxes, and every passers of coppers and even gold flowing a gen. Is keen upon improvements. "No A new delay is added to the 'traveller's shelf there'll always be dust or matter how often you dust a wooder schedule now, for in addition to the grind into the under brim of a hat take

but a delay, for the surgeon merely to comes to men's hat brims. On my looks at your forchead and examines we shelf there's practically no room your wrist. "For possible smallpex." for dust, as it is principally composed. he states in answer to your question, of holes. The wire is nickelled so that

## LIFE IN THE HOSPITAL CITIES OF ROUEN AND DIEPPE agreeable surprise to her Allies and of most unpleasant amazement to Germany.

the war country, a tedious affair. It used to be said that only Americans and fools travelled first class bear the burden of the fray and of providing for the defence of the United Kingdom and Ireland from a visitation on the part of the Germans such as that from which Beigium and the northbear the burden of the fray and of providing for the defence of the United that way now, for the other comparteastern regions of France are now suffering. Recourse of some kind, therefore, must be had to the higher and fore, must be had to the higher and outside the case new suffering and outside the case new suffering are given to the hotels; caps, seem to be asking this question. They hour after hour through the portals a leg, several have lost arms, always another million and possibly a right arm, for the exposure is on ditional million may be needed fore, must be had to the higher and outside the case new regions of the work are given to the hotels; caps, seem to be asking this question. They hour after hour through the portals a leg, several have lost arms, always another million and possibly a right arm. For the exposure is on ditional million may be needed fore, who had to the higher and outside the case new regions of the work are filled with troops, the best arms, always another million and possibly a right arm. For the exposure is on ditional million may be needed for the work and outside the case new regions of the work are filled with troops, the best arms, always another million and possibly a right arm. For the exposure is on ditional million may be needed for the work and outside the case new regions of the work are filled with troops, the best arms, always another million and possibly a right arm. For the exposure is on ditional million may be needed that side. One man, clothed all in black the work and outside the case new regions are filled with troops.

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in regard to hospital equipment the Americans returning from England. French certainly have much

in volunteering for service and in giv- had the same meaning to the French ing their lives and their blood for their nation as they have to the English. country, are loud in their expressions of and in the hospitals this distinction has

bospitals left vacant with a staff waltdence: a war in which the very life and future of the empire are at stake.

The bourgeoisie of France and of Beland unnecessary delay in getting sup gium, of Austria and of Germany, have plies and nurses while the course of responded nobly to the demands British red tapelsm was wound and made upon their patriotism. Not so wound again, but, on the other hand, that of Great Britain, the most smug, when the final history of this organizacomplacent and narrow minded bour-tion with its many ramifications is geoise that there is in the world, who truthfully written, and it is realized may be said to exceed in superficial re- that more sick and wounded have been spectability, in canting hypocrisy, and taken care of already than the imaginaabove all in vulgarity, the people of tion is able to grasp, praise, unstinted

Rouen's wonderful cathedral is a

THE journey from Havre to Rouen England's System of Housing the Wounded Far Superior to That of France have been turned into hospitals, the ducted on a scale and with a degree villas between either closed up for the savagery unparalleled since the ducted. --- English Nurses Establish Order and Cleanliness in French Hospitals---Both Places Alive With Troops

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People are mighty lucky to be able to travel at all."

Rouen is more alive with troops than Havre, its hospitals for the moment less overcrowded, as there has been an exocutents have not come in.

Side by side they may fight in the victory, the other the dust color of detection, the trenches sharing rations and ammunition, but there is no chasm so deep as that dug by different tongues, and they do not make any great attempt to bridge it.

So they pass to the high road, One cannot leave Rouen without speaking of the churches. For besides to bridge it.

One young boy in the hospital visited, one time member of a bicycle corps, tells that his whole battalion with the tells that his whole battalion of twenty-six was wined out.

wilder or used as emergency wards. The Grand Hotel a one is open for the traveller and that houses 100 of the seek.

call to arms, but even to submit to any contribution to the national expenses in connection with the struggle now in progress.

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officers looking at documents are in the been shown everywhere to yield in middle of one of the sick rooms, and the isfactory results and has be nurses have to work under great dis-advantages of confusion and disorder. town are a crutch and sling; one cannot and to yield to what may be said to pass a half block without seeing a sol-

press themselves as batterly opposed to a war into which they were the honor of the flag, of teeting British hearths and homes the horrors of invision and of pressure the horrors of invision and that they "were to be in Paris in a few days." One of them adds the complaint that, incapacitated for future equally shared by all classes an work, his Government will not properly every able bodied citizen. pens on him.
"How can it?" he asks satirically.

"pension the crippled? It hasn't the

passport, when you return to won it England you are obliged to pass the lit's the hall closet shelf that's prin medical examination. Fortunately it is toft is quite necessary now"



Wounded Algerian sharpshooters in hospital auto bus in Rouen.